ACCEPTABLE STUDENT USE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

The Lafayette School Corporation (LSC) strongly believes in the educational value provided through Artificial Intelligence (AI) platforms for preparing students for the future. This policy establishes guidelines for the responsible and effective integration of AI in LSC, ensuring that students receive the benefits of AI technologies while safeguarding their rights and well-being.

1. Academic Integrity

AI can be a powerful tool for learning and developing skills. By using AI ethically and responsibly, students can enhance their learning experience without compromising academic integrity. To ensure academic integrity and assess individual learning, teachers may request that students verbally explain their thought process in more detail and/or elaborate on sources used.

    a. Use AI tools as intended: These tools are meant to be learning aids, not shortcuts. Students will be expected to obey conditions set by the teacher on assignments and tests.
    b. Produce original work: Assignments should reflect students' understanding and effort. AI-generated content should not be passed off as the student's work.
    c. Verify accuracy: Generative AI large language models have known issues with credibility and bias. Students should verify with multiple sources before using them in research and writing.
    d. Acknowledge AI assistance: If AI is used to help with research and writing, proper citations shall be used.

2. Data Privacy and Security

Student data collected by AI systems must be handled with utmost care and in compliance with relevant data protection laws, such as the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA).

    a. LSC will require that all AI vendors adhere to strict data privacy and security standards, including encryption, access controls, and secure data storage practices before implementation.

3. Equity and Inclusivity

AI systems used by teachers and students in LSC should be designed and implemented in a manner that promotes equity and inclusivity, ensuring that all students, regardless of their background or abilities, have equal access to educational opportunities.

    a. All AI systems implemented within the LSC will adhere to ethical principles, including transparency, fairness, accountability, and respect for individual rights.
    b. LSC administration will actively monitor the impact of AI technologies on different student groups and address any disparities or biases that may arise.

4. Student Accountability Oversight

LSC will establish clear lines of accountability for the implementation and use of AI technologies, including designated personnel responsible for monitoring compliance with this policy.

   a. Reviews and evaluations will be conducted regularly to assess the effectiveness, impact, and ethical implications of AI systems in the educational context.
   b. LSC requires students to adhere to all AI "terms of use" policies along with age requirements within the AI platform or service.
   c. Students who are unable to adequately explain their work may be subject to further investigation or consequences outlined in the school's academic integrity policy.
   d. At the request of a teacher or administrator, an investigation may take place if there is suspicion a violation of this policy has taken place.

5. Continuous Learning and Adaptation

The LSC will stay informed about advancements in AI technologies and best practices for their use in education. While Artificial Intelligence models and platforms are being developed, this policy will be revisited regularly and updated when necessary to reflect up-to-date research and best practices.

Board Adopted: September 11, 2024